The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

The cost of living is high enough to begin with - I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable, as well as future service plans.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

My cell phone is used primarily for emergencies - whether on the road, or when my kids need to get in touch with me. I use it for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

If plans become unaffordable for individuals (not businesses who can write off their cell phone/plan investments), people would be less likely to continue with their plans.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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